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**The Attorney General, John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530-0001**

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue, which should never have begun, has been dragged out long enough and it is time to put the issue to rest. A settlement is available and the government should accept it.

Under the settlement, Microsoft gave in to many concessions in order to return to software design. They have agreed to give computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that they see fit, with no fear of retaliation. Microsoft has also agreed to license Microsoft software at a uniform price to computer makers no matter what software the company decides to install or promote. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to enter into any agreement that would obligate a computer maker to exclusively install or promote Microsoft software.

Microsoft has given far too much in order to settle this issue. Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward, and the only way to move ahead is to put this issue behind us. In these days, we hear shouts of outrage that the government has not done more to bolster the airlines, Enron, K-Mart, and many other companies in financial trouble. It is truly outrageous that the government should do so much to destroy one of the this country's most successful businesses. As unfair as it is to Microsoft, I ask you to please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,



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